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AIDS Initiative
Congressman Mickey Leland

I. Labor - Health and Human Services Appropriations

ML worked to include language in the Labor Health and Human Services Appropriation which requires the Centers for Disease Control to enter into a direct cooperative agreement with the City of Houston for AIDS research, treatment, counseling and testing. Currently, only four other cities have direct cooperative agreements with CDC. They include San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, and Washington, D.C. This language has been signed into law.

II. AIDS Authorization

House and Senate conferees are currently working out differences between their versions of AIDS authorizing legislation. Although ML was not selected as a conferee, he is working to expand a provision which he was able to include in the House version of the bill. This provision would give preference for counseling and testing grants to areas with 1% of national AIDS cases. He would like to expand this language to include grants for education and prevention. Both Houston and the Dallas-Ft. Worth areas have at least 1% of national AIDS cases, and under the language, the Department of Health and Human Services would be required to give preference to their grant applications.

In addition, he is working to include language which would allow the Texas Department of Health and Human Services to set up a Clearing House of AIDS information for the State of Texas. He is also working to include a provision which would allow the University of Texas School of Public Health and the San Diego School of Public Health to form a cooperative agreement and be designated as centers for study of the Mexican American AIDS crisis.

III. Alcohol, Drug Abuse, Mental Health and AIDS Block Grants

ML introduced legislation, passed as part of the Omnibus Drug Abuse Initiative Act of 1988, which revises current Mental Health and Substance Abuse block grants to include treatment for AIDS as well as significantly increase Texas' share of federal funds for these programs. The Senate which is expected to pass their version of the Drug Bill sometime this week, does not include the funding formula that would benefit Texas. ML is expected to be appointed to a conference committee and will fight to keep the House language for these treatment programs intact.